

# Bandits Snatch \$1,000 From Girl Cashier

## Two Wave Revolvers at Pursuers After Robbery Under Elevated: Police Chase Men in Autos

Woman Beaten by Thief

Held Up in Deserted Station and Clubbed by Thug; Patrolman Fired Upon

Two armed men jumped from an automobile at Third Avenue and Eighty-sixth Street yesterday a few minutes after the banks opened and snatched \$1,000 in currency from Miss Anna Riddell, cashier for J. Baumann & Bros., furniture dealers at 1479 to 1483 Third Avenue.

The robbery took place under the elevated station at Eighty-sixth Street. Miss Riddell was on her way to the Yorkville Bank at Eighty-fifth Street and Third Avenue, with Monday's receipts. When she passed the newsstand below the station two men who apparently had been reading the headlines of the morning papers stepped forward and seized her arms, one on each side. She was so startled that she dropped her umbrella and the bankbook. One man seized the money and both ran.

Several men took to mount the stairs of the elevated station ran to Miss Riddell's aid, but were ordered by the bandits to stand still. Backing the automobile they entered it and escaped. When the bandits' automobile turned into Second Avenue, detectives of East Sixty-seventh Street police station arrived and gave chase in commandeered cars. The pursuit was maintained for ten blocks, but the robbers were not captured.

Miss Riddell lives at 1316 Washington Avenue, the Bronx. She was able to give the police a good description of the robbers, whom she described as looking like "store clerks." One of them, she said, spoke with a soft voice and the other used gruff tones when he threatened pursuers with a revolver. She expressed the opinion that they were residents in the neighborhood although unable to state definitely that she had seen them before.

Detectives of East Sixty-seventh Street station said last night they had information which convinced them the bandits who robbed Miss Riddell were the same who held up the girl bookkeeper of Deutsch Brothers' furniture store at 1534 Street and Third Avenue two weeks ago.

Mrs. Russell Taylor, thirty years old, of 1177 East Nineteenth Street, Brooklyn, was beaten and robbed of her handbag in the Parkside Avenue station of the Brighton Beach line last Saturday afternoon. It became known last night, Mrs. Taylor is at her home suffering from a possible fracture of the skull and shock. The bandit escaped.

Mrs. Taylor said that there was no one on the southbound platform of the station when she entered shortly before 6 o'clock. The southbound and northbound platforms in this station are separated by a wall. Before a southbound train arrived a man clad in an old blue serge suit and brown cap entered the station. He sauntered up and down the platform for several minutes. Suddenly he turned around, pulling an iron bar from under his coat. He struck Mrs. Taylor two glancing blows on the head. Mrs. Taylor had her back to the tracks. She had begun to fall backward as the man reached down and snatched her bag, which only contained a few dollars. In pulling this from her hand he also pulled her back on the platform.

The man ran up the stairs and disappeared. Mrs. Taylor staggered to the ticket booth, which is near the street level, and collapsed. She was removed to her home in an ambulance.

A burglar, supposedly about to enter the home of Frank Hedley, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, was discovered yesterday by Policeman Harold Shooky. The burglar fired at the patrolman, the bullet striking his night stick. Shooky drew his revolver and fired three times at the burglar, who ran to the rear of the Hedley home and escaped in the woods.

# Bethlehem Business Increased in March

## Question of Dividends Not Yet Considered, Say Grace and Schwab at Meeting

Business and operations of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation during March were the best in some time and indications are for a continuance of last month's operations during April. Eugene G. Grace, president, stated at the annual meeting yesterday in Newark. Referring to recent price increases, Mr. Grace said the purchasing public was apparently realizing that steel makers are entitled to somewhat higher prices.

Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of directors, also was present, and both he and Mr. Grace questioned after the meeting regarding a rumor that the common dividend would either be reduced or passed at the next meeting. Mr. Schwab declared that the question of dividends had not been considered as yet and would not be until the meeting at the end of this month and that reports regarding the dividend were entirely without foundation.

Mr. Grace said he expected April operations would be around 60 per cent. Ship repair business, he added, was good, but no new construction work was being received. He denied that any profits had been credited on the company's books on ships built for its own use.

Of the 297,709 shares of capital stock of the company, 242,460 were represented at yesterday's meeting. Officers and retiring directors were re-elected.

# Studebaker Made New Sales Record in March

A. R. Erskine, president of the Studebaker Corporation, told stockholders at the annual meeting yesterday that the company's operations in March exceeded all records in production and sales. There were 10,493 cars produced and 13,000 sold, he announced. For the quarter output amounted to 26,875 cars, an increase of 143 per cent over the corresponding period of last year, and sales were 33,000 cars, an increase of 100 per cent.

New sales records were established in practically every city in the country," Mr. Erskine said, "while business from rural sections and export markets showed much strength and improvement. Stocks accumulated during the winter for spring trade rapidly diminished in March and will be fully absorbed in the second quarter. Production schedules for the second quarter call for 30,000 cars."

A stockholder questioned Mr. Erskine regarding the possibility of legislation of stock dividends, and in reply the president said that the directors had given no consideration to the distribution of a stock dividend. The next meeting of directors is scheduled for April 20. C. L. Bookus was elected a director at yesterday's meeting to succeed the late A. Barton Reppburn. Other directors were re-elected.

# Cook Is Held After Feud Killing in Bronx Hospital

James Dorsett, fifty-two years old, negro cook at Lincoln Hospital, the Bronx, was shot and killed, and John Chippendale, twenty-one, a kitchen helper, was shot twice in the back yesterday as the result of a feud in the kitchen of the institution that has existed, according to the authorities, for several weeks.

Charles Brunson, twenty-nine, a cook, was arrested on a charge of homicide. Brunson is said to have had in his possession a revolver in which four empty shells were found. Dorsett and Chippendale were West Indian negroes. Brunson is an American negro.

# Trial of 40 Named In "Cement Trust" Scandal Begun

## Individuals and Corporations Indicted in U. S. Inquiry on Trade Face a Jury in Federal Court

Trial was begun yesterday of more than forty defendants, including corporations and individuals, forming the so-called "cement trust," in United States District Court, before Judge John C. Knox. The indictments were filed August 8, 1921.

The morning session yesterday was devoted to drawing a jury. A large number of veniremen offered excuses in requesting exemption from service. Prospective jurors were questioned principally as to whether they had ever held any connection with the cement manufacturing industry or were known to any of the attorneys in the case. The defendant corporations are: The Atlas-Portland Cement Company, of Pennsylvania; Allentown Portland Cement Company, of New Jersey; Alpha Portland Cement Company, of New Jersey; Bath Portland Cement Company, of Pennsylvania; Copley Cement Manufacturing Company, of Pennsylvania; Dexter Portland Cement Company, of Pennsylvania; Edison Portland Cement Company, of New Jersey; Giant Portland Cement Company, of Delaware; Glens Falls Portland Cement Company, of Delaware; Hercules Cement Corporation, of Pennsylvania; Knickerbocker Portland Cement Company, of New York; Lawrence Cement Company, of New York; Lehigh Portland Cement Company, of Pennsylvania; Nazareth Cement Company, of Pennsylvania; Penn-Allen Cement Company, of Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania Cement Company, of Pennsylvania; Phoenix Portland Cement Company, of Pennsylvania; Security Cement and Lime Company, of West Virginia, and Vulcanite Portland Cement Company, of New Jersey.

The individual defendants include John R. Morron, president of the Atlas Portland Cement Company; G. S. Brown, president of the Alpha Portland Cement Company; J. J. Phelan, vice-president of the Allentown Portland Cement Company; Ferdinand L. Loeb, president of the Copley Cement Company; Joseph Brobst, first vice-president and general manager of the Dexter Portland Cement Company; George F. Boyle sr., president of the Glens Falls Portland Cement Company; Alexander D. Naylor, president and general manager of the Knickerbocker Portland Cement Company; E. M. Young, vice-president Lehigh Portland Cement Company; Loring A. Cover, president of the Security Cement and Lime Company; and Lindley C. Morton, vice-president and general manager of the Phoenix Portland Cement Company.

# Says Billion for Advertising Gives Us Earth's Best Living

CINCINNATI, April 4.—Advertising has given to America the highest standard of living in the world, C. H. Mackintosh, president of the Associated Advertisers' Clubs of the World, told members of the National Advertising Commission, gathered here to-day for a two-day session, making the first quarterly conference of the commission. More than a billion dollars a year is spent for advertising in this country, he said. "But the money spent in this manner," he added, "has induced the American people to buy bathtubs and countless other things that have added to the joy of life and made the standard here the highest in the world."

# Adulteration Hurts Olive Oil Trade

The tariff and widespread adulterations are responsible for the drop in imports of olive oil from 9,500,000 gallons in 1920 to 6,600,000 in 1921, according to C. A. Tosi, secretary of the Olive Oil Association of America, which held its second annual convention yesterday at the Hotel Biltmore.

Adulteration also was stressed by W. R. M. Wharton, chief of the Eastern District, Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, who said that the bureau is investigating adulterations and has found numerous violations of the pure food laws through the sale of peanut, corn or cottonseed oil for olive oil. Misbranding also is prevalent, he said. In a short period the bureau has made 125 seizures for violations in shipments from forty-five New York concerns.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: L. J. Scaramelli, president; C. A. Tosi, vice-president; J. E. De Redon, secretary, and G. F. Romeo, treasurer.

# Rose Coghlan, Long Noted Actress, Ill At Her Home Here

## Inability to Remember Her Lines Compelled Her to Quit Stage; Friends Will Give Benefit to Aid Her

Rose Coghlan, a conspicuous figure on the American stage for fifty years, is ill at her residence, 253 West Forty-second Street. She has been in bed since March 14. Friends began planning a benefit when they learned of her condition.

Miss Coghlan's last appearance was in the David Belasco production of "Deburau" at the Belasco Theater last season. Since then she has been suffering from an inability to remember lines, it was said, and for that reason has been unable to get an engagement.

Dr. Richard Hoffman, her physician, said yesterday that it would be necessary for the actress to be sent out of town for a rest cure. Miss Coghlan is expected to leave the city in a few days.

A benefit for the actress probably will be given in the fall, with E. F. Albee and Otto H. Kahn backers in the movement. Mrs. Richard Pittman, a friend of Miss Coghlan, said last night that Mr. Kahn insisted that a fund for the actress be raised when he learned of her illness. David Belasco, said Mrs. Pittman, sent his check for \$100 when he learned of her condition.

Miss Coghlan's professional career began in Scotland, where she played one of the witches in "Macbeth." Her performance in "Deburau" last season was regarded as one of the individual hits of the season. Other plays in which she has appeared in this country are "Fine Feathers," produced several years ago; "Mrs. Warren's Profession," "A Woman of No Importance," "Mile. Fin," "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" and "Diplomacy."

In speaking of the condition of Miss Coghlan Mrs. Pittman said: "Miss Coghlan's constant worry over her age and her failure to retain the lines in her memory when she tries to study for a part have weakened her and I am afraid it will be a year before she is in condition to appear on the stage again, if she ever does."

Miss Coghlan is seventy-one years old.

# Talks Himself Out of Bellevue After Joker Has Talked Him In

## Broker Tricked to Hospital at Midnight to "Identify Dying Man" After Humorist Has Warned Staff He's Escaped Patient; Gets Home With Difficulty

Somebody who had inspiration for what was evidently considered a pretty good joke selected George H. Bradford as a pretty good victim. It took the joker just two minutes and two telephone calls to put over his prank. And as a result Mr. Bradford, after an extremely uncomfortable stay at Bellevue, got to bed about sunrise yesterday. The fact that he got to bed in his own home instead of at Bellevue was due entirely to his gift of speech upon finding himself in a tight place.

The first telephone call was received at the home of Mr. Bradford, 318 West Seventeenth Street. Mr. Bradford had been out visiting and had retired upon his return. It was just after he had climbed into bed that his telephone began a terrific and imperious jingling. It must be an important call. The hour was long past midnight.

Mr. Bradford answered. Yet, it was important, said the voice on the phone. It was Bellevue talking, and at Bellevue there was a man unconscious, a man who was going to die, and who had in a pocket a business card of George H. Bradford, insurance broker. Could Mr. Bradford come right over and identify the man? Would it be too much to ask of him?

No, it wouldn't. Mr. Bradford dressed hurriedly and dashed out, leaving behind his watch, ring and most of his money at the suggestion of his wife, who warned him of bandits. Mr. Bradford, a little upset and a little puzzled, made it to Bellevue with all possible speed. Before he arrived, however, the second telephone call needed to carry out the joker's plan was received at Bellevue. A clerk was told that Dr. Nevins, of Kings County Hospital, was talking, that a patient in the psychopathic ward named George H. Bradford had escaped, and as this patient had a mahia for identifying people he might show up at Bellevue. Would Bellevue mind watching out for him. Certainly not, said Bellevue.

Bellevue was ready and waiting for Mr. Bradford when he arrived. A clerk to whom he gave his name smiled significantly. "Take a seat, please," he said. "We've been expecting you." The night superintendent was called and attendants summoned. It was best not to take chances. Night Superintendent McHale had a soothing, conciliatory manner. And in his own appealing way he instructed the attendants to search the newcomer. Mr. Bradford was amazed and said so. Was it customary to search every person coming to Bellevue? He was assured that it was, and was told that he would be quite comfortable while there. The hospital would try to make his stay pleasant.

It was then that Mr. Bradford realized something was about to happen unless he did some talking, which he did. He convinced the night superintendent finally that he wasn't an escaped patient after the night superintendent had called Kings County Hospital to verify it.

It was a grim and determined looking insurance broker who left Bellevue a short time later to return to 318 West Seventeenth Street.

# Weinberg Gets 2 Years In Prison at Atlanta

## Federal Judge Sentences Man Who Impersonated American Navy Officer

Federal Judge Chatfield, in Brooklyn, yesterday sentenced Stephen S. Weinberg, charged with impersonating a United States navy officer, to two years' imprisonment in the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga.

Weinberg's impersonations, it is alleged, were many, but chief among them was the manner in which he obtained a position as secretary to Dr. Adolf Lorenz, the famous Viennese surgeon, by posing as a medical man with official credentials from the local Department of Health. Weinberg denied the charge, saying that he did not pose as a doctor, but was engaged in connection with the wide publicity given to Dr. Lorenz and was discharged because of the clamor raised against him by unfair newspaper stories.

Quite recently, during one of his periods of impersonation, Weinberg introduced the Princess Patima to President Harding in the White House.

"I have done wrong in the past," Weinberg said to the court in his plea for another chance, "but I have been punished, and I have gone straight since the time I was found guilty of wearing a uniform and was fined \$10 by Judge Garvin. I am matriculating in law and accountancy and am president of my class, having been elected despite the fact that I made known to my associates my past. I want to make good, and I am sure if you will give me a chance I can make good. I will give leniency for the sake of my wife and child."

# Morocco Divorced Two Days Before Remarriage

## First Wife Named Second Mate of Theatrical Promoter in Her Detroit Cross-Bill

DETROIT, April 4.—Oliver Morocco, theatrical producer, who married at Santa Ana, Calif., Saturday Miss Selma Paley, a Los Angeles actress, was granted a decree of divorce here last Thursday, it was learned to-night. To Morocco's petition, which charged cruelty, Mrs. Morocco, who was Annie Crockett, of San Francisco, before her marriage in 1920, filed a cross bill, naming Miss Paley.

The divorce proceedings were begun several months ago, Morocco using his family name, Oliver Mitchell, and giving his residence as Bloomfield Hills, a Detroit suburban district.

Morocco is understood here to have secured \$200,000 upon his first wife last January.

# Monocled Swindler Ends World Chase In New York Cell

George W. Post, alias Carter, alias Potter, internationally sought confidence operator, wanted at Dunkirk, N. Y., and Miami, Fla., for swindles said to aggregate \$50,000, was arrested by Detective Joseph Daly, of Inspector Lahey's staff, last night at Thirty-fourth Street and Sixth Avenue. Post, who is seventy-two years old, at first denied but later admitted his identity.

The prisoner, who is six feet two inches tall and of distinguished bearing, was expensively attired. He said he had just returned from a cruise in the Mediterranean and feared some unprincipled person had been taking his name in vain. Post denied that he was the man wanted for confidence operations mentioned in police circulars offering \$1,000 reward for his capture. He was locked up at Police Headquarters charged with being a fugitive from justice.

The police records show that Post has operated and served terms of imprisonment in principal cities of the United States and Europe. He is known to Scotland Yard under the alias "S. E. Potter" and to the Parisian police as "William J. Cartier." He has been arrested in Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia, San Francisco and many other large cities of the United States. He has a record of three arrests in New York City. In 1912 he pleaded guilty to a swindling operation involving \$1,500,000 and was sentenced to a term in Atlanta prison by Judge Holt. After he had been caught by the police of Chicago and returned here.

When Detective Daly stepped up to Post and accosted him by name, the tall, gray-haired man of military aspect surveyed the detective austere through a monocle.

"Sir," he retorted, "you have mistaken my name. I am Major White. And who, may I inquire, are you?"

"I am Detective Daly," grinned the policeman.

"Oh," laughed Post, "in that case I'm Post. Let's go!"

After being taken to Headquarters, Post asked that a bondsman be sent for. This was refused. In a cigarette case carried by the prisoner the police found \$500 in bills.

An hour later Detective Daly arrested Frank Allen, sixty-two years old, said to be the partner of Post in recent confidence operations. When searched, the police say, Allen's pockets were found to contain gold nuggets and samples of quartz, indicating, according to the police theory, that the pair had planned to engage here in one of Post's familiar mining enterprises.

# Ertle to Fight Mason

WEST PAUL, Minn., April 4.—Johnny Ertle, former banianweight champion, has been matched to meet Frankie Mason in Indianapolis April 12, according to Mike McNulty, Ertle's manager.



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